

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of December 1, 2003 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

In response to sections 1 and 2 of the Office Action, claims 14 and 15 are being cancelled.

In response to section 3 of the Office Action, claims 6 and 22 are also being cancelled.

The present Amendment also corrects a minor informality in claim 13 (a superfluous colon) and revises claim 17 to depend from allowed claim 16 rather than claim 12 (which has been cancelled.)

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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